

BOARD FOR GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS



REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSORS

The Board and the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment issued a joint letter on February 23, 2001 to all Environmental Professionals. The letter clarified that Registered Environmental Assessors may not practice geology without a license.

In part, the letter states:

"Regulations governing the work of REA II registrants contained in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, section 19041(e) and (f), state: '...if other registered professionals perform engineering, geologic or other professional services which are included in, or form the basis of the report or opinion, the signature and registration number of each shall be included in the report or opinion.

"All professional engineering or geologic work shall be performed by a registered professional in compliance with the requirements of the Professional Engineers Act, Business and Professions Code section 6700-6799 and the Geologists and Geophysicists Act, Business and Professions Code sections 7800-7887.' "

The full text of the letter can be found on the Board's website at www.dca.ca.gov/geology. Search the menu entitled 'Hot Topics.' If you do not have access to the internet, copies may be obtained from the Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists will be holding public hearings on April 20, 2001, at 9:00 AM, located at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Conference Room, Third Floor, Sacramento, California. The hearing will allow interested persons to present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the action proposed in the Notices of Proposed Changes, Sections 3005 and 3008.

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statements of reasons may be obtained from the Board's website at www.dca.ca.gov/geology. Search the menu entitled 'Legal Notices'. If you do not have access to the internet, copies may be obtained from the Board. Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be addressed to Paul Sweeney, Executive Officer.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Technical Advisory Committee has four new appointees. They are as follows: Tony Sawyer, Michael Hart, Julia Turney, and Roy J. Schlemon. Each brings professionalism and expertise to the committee and will serve three-year terms. Welcome!



ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Board issued a citation and a \$2500 fine to Bruce R. Hilton for violation of section 7831 of the Geologist and Geophysicist Act. Mr. Hilton stamped and signed a report as a Registered Geologist and Certified Engineering Geologist. Mr. Hilton maintains a current license as a Registered Geologist, but his Certified Engineering Geologist license had expired. In accordance with section 125.9(b)(4) of the Business and Professions Code, payment of the fine does not constitute an admission of the violation but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter. The case was closed on February 8, 2001.

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available on the Board's
website*

SPRING 2001 EXAMINATIONS

The Board's licensing examinations were held on Friday, March 16, 2001, in Sacramento and Pasadena. More than 300 individuals were scheduled to take the Registered Geologist, Registered Geophysicist, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations. This year's enrollment for the Registered Geophysicists examination was the highest in over 5 years with 11 individuals scheduled for testing. Results from the examinations should be available to the candidates within 60 days of the examination date.

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SENATE BILL 136

SB 136 (Figueroa) is the number on the proposed legislation that includes the language for the Board's Revised Act. The Revised Act was discussed at many Board and Technical Advisory Committee meetings over the last two years, and still may be commented on by any individual or group while it is being considered by both bodies of the Legislature. For the complete text of this bill, you may go to leginfo.ca.gov on the Internet.

CALIFORNIA MINING ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Board will be sponsoring a booth at the California Mining Association's Annual Conference to be held at the Double Tree Hotel and the Monterey Conference Center, located in Monterey, California, on May 23-25, 2001. Please stop by if you plan to attend!